Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. – 21. (Cancelled)

22.   (New) A method for file conversion comprising:

providing a main application program including a conversion engine;

providing a plug-in that writes data associated with a file of the main application program, the plug-in including a set of data format definitions that define the format of the data written by a plurality of versions of the plug-in;

providing an instance of data that was written by a previous version of the plug-in;

identifying the previous version of the plug-in;

accessing the data format definitions for a current version of the plug-in and the previous version of the plug-in;

inputting the data format definitions for the current version and the previous version of the plug-in to the conversion engine; and

converting the instance of data with said conversion engine to a format corresponding to the data format definition for the current version.

23.   (New) The method of claim 22, wherein the object data format definitions comprise an ordered set of field definitions.

24.   (New) The method of claim 22, wherein the object data format definitions comprise array fields.

25.   (New) The method of claim 22, wherein identifying the previous version of the plug-in comprises identifying a format number associated with the instance of data.

26.   (New) The method of claim 22, further comprising accessing the data format definitions for an additional version of the plug-in and converting the instance of data first to a format corresponding to the data format definition for the additional version of the plug-in and then converting the instances of data to a format corresponding to the data format definition for the current version.